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TWO YALE COUPLES CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDINGS IN WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ferguson Married Fifty Years Ago, March 25

Fifty years ago, March 25, 1872 a wedding occurred on a farm near Memphis, the principals being Miss Frances Smith and Arra C. Ferguson. The former was born in Vermont and came with her parents to Michigan. The latter is of Canadian birth of the township of Crammy.

Out of the company who witnessed the marriage ceremony only six people are still living and none were able to attend the golden anniversary occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson went to housekeeping and home making on a rented farm in the vicinity of Memphis. Later on they owned their own farm near Allenton. Four children were born to them, only two sons now living.

Four years ago, the health of both being none too good, they came to Yale to be near their son Floyd and have lived here since. For the past two weeks both have been suffering with heavy colds and with some natural disappointment had about given up the wish they had had to celebrate their anniversary. But quietly Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ferguson took the matter into their own hands, sent the invitations and on Saturday afternoon, despite the bad roads several drove from Detroit and others from Capac, and on Sunday, with well filled baskets for the wedding dinner, all walked into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson and very pleasantly surprised the couple. Sixteen besides the bride and groom sat down to a delicious dinner worthy of the occasion and afterwards with many congratulations, a shower of gold, to the amount of \$35.00 and numerous other gifts were bestowed upon them and the day proved to be a very happy one.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson have two sons, Ralph, of Capac and Floyd of Yale. They have sixteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Mr. Ferguson is 76 years of age and his wife is 69.

We congratulate them on attaining this happy occasion and hope they will pass many more milestones of life's journey together.

Those present on Sunday were: Mrs. Byron Jones, Reuben Ormsby, Mira Jones and Elisha Jones, from Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ferguson and sons Howard and Hugh, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lamphere and son Claude from Capac; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ferguson, children Neva and Gordon and Mr. Daniel Ferguson, of Yale.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fry, of Yale, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on March 23, 1922 when relatives and acquaintances spent the afternoon and evening with them at their home here.

They were married in Lynn township in 1872. Mr. Fry is an old veteran of the Civil war in which he served four years.

The guests at the anniversary reception brought many gifts, among these being a gold watch and ring for Mrs. Fry and a watch chain and knife for Mr. Fry. They also received messages of congratulation from relatives and friends.

The table was adorned with a large wedding cake brought from Detroit and a large bouquet of sweet peas and hyacinths.

POWER PLANT LUCKY

According to Joseph Wilt, superintendent of the light and water plant, little damage resulted to light and power lines in Thursday's storm. The main line was down in a couple places and several drop wires had fallen. There was no service Friday until noon, but it was resumed at that time as usual and will continue barring more storms.

Harding & Hallman are offering 6 pounds of Epsom Salts for 50c.

FRANK D. BEADLE RESIGNS AS LEGION COMMANDER

Under the constitution of the Chas. J. Fulton Post, American Legion, no member can hold office in the organization at a time when he is seeking a public office. Realizing this, Frank D. Beadle, having accepted the nomination on the Republican ticket for the office of city treasurer, tendered his resignation as Post Commander at a meeting held last week.—St. Clair Press.

OMAR D. CONGER DISASTER.

The ferry Omar D. Conger, plying between Port Huron and Sarnia for 40 years is no more; the life has been quickly snuffed from four men; numerous others are injured and \$82,000 worth of property has been damaged, all in an instant.

About 2:30 Sunday afternoon, the Conger, lying at her moorings in Black river with four employees aboard, was being put into readiness for her first trip of the day across to Sarnia. A heavy, rumbling noise, a shaking and trembling of all buildings in the business section, a cloud of smoke and flying debris and the broken steamer sank to the bottom of the river as its boiler exploded, was lifted from its bed, hurtled through the air and dropped upon the house of William Smith, on Quay street, a hundred feet away. The red hot iron immediately set fire to and destroyed the home and all its contents. Mr. and Mrs. Smith and family were at the time enjoying a ride to Yale and back in their new car and this fact led to their safety. Otherwise they would have been in their home and more tragedy would have been written.

As the boiler exploded, two of the four men on board were hurled along with it and the two charred and battered bodies were later found on a coal pile. They were identified as Thomas Buckner, deckhand and Kenneth Crandall, deckhand. The bodies of Ransome A. Campbell, engineer, and Clifford D. Althouse, fireman went down with the boat. The air was filled with flying pieces of timber and metal, life rafts and all sorts of missiles and boat equipment, people on the streets were stunned, hundreds of plate glass windows were shattered, wires and telephone poles crashed down with their live wires endangering other lives. Missiles were left on roofs blocks away. Some crashed through the roofs of stores and at Falk's Chapel, where a burial service was being held, the people there congregated were thrown into a panic when through a rear window was hurled a 200 pound radiator and a storm of broken glass was poured upon them. Those who were quite badly injured were Mrs. Nora Goddard, shoulder broken and ribs fractured; Mrs. W. P. Carson, bad injury to her eye; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Biddlecomb, both badly cut by glass, Mrs. Margaret Houser, broken nose. There were many minor injuries and many near escapes.

For a few moments all Port Huron was crazed with excitement and numbed with fear. Then cool heads began to organize the work of clearing away and making things safe and sane again, but Port Huron for many years to come will remember the blowing up of the Ferry Conger on Sunday, March 26, 1922.

SUNDAY PAPERS

Yale citizens will be pleased to learn that Hilton King will deliver the Sunday edition of the Detroit News at your door every Sunday morning beginning the coming week. If you wish a copy left at your house notify Mr. King. This service will be continued so long as enough patrons to pay expenses take the paper.

The annual town meetin' will be held in the different precincts throughout the state next Monday. In this section there will be no contests for the different offices. Yale city election will furnish a little excitement. Jas. H. Moore, who was defeated by Mrs. Mary Beadle at the primaries will try it out again for city clerk on Monday next.

THE YALE EXPOSITOR ENTERS FORTY-FIRST YEAR OF ACTIVITY

James A. Menzies, Present Editor And Publisher Was Founder

Vol. I, No. 1 was named The Weekly Expositor which name it kept until Brockway Centre was changed to Yale.

Three churches, the Methodist Protestant, Methodist Episcopal, and the Disciple, had notices of their services in the initial issue.

J. S. Duffie, with offices on Main Street, advertised the following: "The undersigned in appearing before the public in print feels rather bashful, as he does when dunning a delinquent for an old score. Being a Justice of the Peace and Notary Public, he is prepared at all times to fill out all kinds of legal and business papers promptly and correctly. Special attention given to collections."

The Brockway Centre Woolen Mills of C. Andrae & Sons was announcing that it would be ready for business about the first of June. They offered the farmer a splendid opportunity to have his wool made into cloth and their equipment consisted of two of the best Custom Roll Cards in the country.

F. A. Hill, of Spring Hill, now of Avoca, had just filled his store with new spring goods.

Potatoes were extremely high at the time The Expositor started, being quoted at \$1.00 to \$1.10 a bushel while butter was 17c per pound and eggs 15c per dozen.

George W. Bell, implement dealer advertised "The Greatest Discovery of the Age." It was the Albion Spring Tooth Drill.

Drummers were thicker than flies in summer time.

A \$4,000 liquor bond was required by liquor dealers in Port Huron.

Elder J. H. Paton, of Almont, was to preach in the Disciple church the following Sunday afternoon. The Elder was the author of a new book entitled "Day Dawn."

S. B. Hughes, who was opening a new barber shop opposite the hotel on Main street put it this way: "STILL ALIVE. I wish to announce to the citizens of Brockway Centre and vicinity that after a grand consult of all the barbers in the Wolverine state I do hereby proclaim and make known to all that I, S. B. Hughes, have fitted up a barber shop in the nearest manner available where I will be at all times ready to give them a complete cutting reception and completely divest their physiognomy of nature's unseemly production."

Mr. Frank Monaghan and Miss Lizzie Conroy were newly-weds, having been married at Lexington. W. H. Palmer was advertising his wares as a dry goods merchant.

The Western Historical Company had started work on the history of the county.

School closed last week, Wednesday afternoon on account of no wood. Wood was worth from \$4 to \$6 a cord.

A new carpet and matting had been placed in the M. P. church. The County Sunday School Institute was being held at the M. P. church at this place for three days, with a complete program.

T. Dorsey and Company were manufacturing buggies, carriages, sleighs, etc., made only of the best materials and selling at the lowest possible prices consistent with high-class workmanship.

H. Manning was a general contractor and builder.

Mrs. C. VanWagner was the local milliner and was very willing to exchange anything in her line for butter and eggs. She was also agent for American Sewing Machines.

All the churches held Sunday School in the afternoon.

Besides being the proprietor of a dry goods store, W. H. Palmer also conducted Flouring, Planing and Saw Mills.

Rev. S. G. Bettis expected to start on a trip about the first of June.

OBITUARY.

Be still prepared for death and death or life shall thereby be the sweeter.—Shakespeare.

Berenice, wife of L. Roy Fuller, passed away at the home on South Main street on Sunday morning, March 26, 1922 at 6:00 a. m.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday at 2 p. m. from the residence, attended by many friends and the members of the Order of the Eastern Star in a body.

Rev. Alfred Martin, pastor of the Presbyterian church, conducted the services at the home and at the grave in Elmwood cemetery the officers of Yale chapter O. E. S. gave their impressive ceremony.

Berenice Bartelle Locke was born in Capac June 27th, 1878. She became the wife of L. Roy Fuller of Yale, on February 19th, 1902 from her home in Harvey, Ill.

The twenty years of married life have been lived in this place and no eulogy of her beautiful character is needed from this pen. Her life spoke for itself every day that she lived and we all honor her. Three children were given into the care of this mother, Frances and Frederick, twins, nearing their 18th birthday and Billy, aged ten.

Mrs. Fuller was a member of the Presbyterian church, Superintendent of its Sunday school for several years, Past Worthy Matron of Yale Chapter O. E. S. and a Grand Officer. She was an active and earnest worker in all her service.

Besides the husband and children there are left a mother and father and one sister, Mrs. Martin, all of Capac; a brother R. F. Locke and a sister, Mrs. Wheaton, both of Chicago.

The following relatives and friends attended the services on Tuesday:

Mr. and Mrs. Merton Fuller, Mrs. A. E. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Weeks, of Richmond; Mrs. E. B. Fuller, Montrose, Mrs. H. M. Fierstine, Memphis, Mr. O. C. Wheeler, Saline, Mrs. J. L. Wheaton, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Locke, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Martin, Mr. Joseph Locke, Mr. and Mrs. Al Brink, Mrs. C. A. Mann, Mrs. Clyde Adams, Mrs. Chas. Taylor, Mrs. Clark Warren, Mrs. Duane Martin, Mrs. Berger, Mrs. Zike, Mrs. Wm. Wagner, Capac; Miss Frances Locke, Mrs. Frank Burch, of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Locke, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cochran, Mrs. Harvey Tappan, Mr. A. V. Parmlee, Port Huron; Mrs. Anna McNulty, Peck, Mrs. G. W. Allen, Flint and J. E. Beavis, of Lansing.

We cannot express in words our deep appreciation of the love and tender kindness shown our dear one by her many friends.

L. Roy Fuller and family.

A CORRECTION

A report has been circulated in the north part of the city that if I were elected as city clerk I would not be competent to do the work and that Mr. Wharton discharged me as not competent to keep his books. In his statement he speaks for himself.

Yours for fair play,

JAMES H. MOORE.

To whom it may concern: James H. Moore was in my employ for eight or nine years and I always found him very efficient and correct and as a correspondent he cannot be beat. He also audited the city books three or four times while I was mayor and alderman and I consider him perfectly competent to hold any office.

Thos. U. Wharton.

After 48 hours ceaseless search, the body of John Arntz, 16 year old fisherboy, drowned in Harbor Beach harbor on Monday of last week, was recovered on Wednesday. Arntz and another boy went out into the storm tossed waters of the harbor against the advice of friends. The other saved his life by clinging to the capsized boat.

THUMB TALES TERSELY TOLD

Items Taken From Newspapers of Neighboring Towns and Villages

The contract for improving the Riley Center road in Riley township is to be let at the county road office Tuesday afternoon, April 4, William W. Cox, county road engineer announces. The road, which is to be improved with gravel will be slightly more than three miles long. Its width will be nine feet. It runs from the Memphis road which is already improved, north through Riley Center and some distance beyond.

Mrs. J. E. Forster, of Rochester, Mich., who owns the Hillock farm in Burtchville township has submitted a proposition to the state department of conservation offering to sell a plot of ground to the state with 1000 feet of lake frontage for park purposes running back to the state highway, a distance of 700 feet at \$35 per foot. She has also offered to the state forty acres adjoining the above piece of land at \$275 per acre. Her letter was sent to the department of conservation March 16. The proposition was read Monday at a meeting of the officials of the conservation department but no action was taken. Mrs. Forster's offer was made direct to the state officials.

A. L. Jurn, of Capac, will tear down his big feed barn and build a couple of houses on the site. Feed barns are not a very good investment these days.

John Parkin, for the past 15 years a resident of Melvin and a merchant associated with his brother Charles, died last week, aged 76 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schell, of Memphis, quietly celebrated their golden wedding last week. The couple live in the same house that they moved into when they were married.

E. R. Hart, Sanilac county poultry buyer, plead guilty to passing a worthless check of \$32.89 on John Brambort, for poultry purchased. His trial was to come off at Sandusky this week.

A case of scarlet fever coming down in the school at Almont, closed the school there for a time. There are several cases around Almont but this is the first in the village.

The lone burglar, who has been operating in numerous Port Huron stores the past few weeks, and mysteriously eluded the police has at last been captured. He proves to be Frank Davis, aged 20 years, a compositor in the Times-Herald office and he was taken Friday night by Patrolman Alloway as he was breaking into a tunnel section drug store. He has confessed as also has his brother Norman, aged 25, who also is a compositor on the Times-Herald. These young men helped set up the headlines telling about their own activities in the burglary line.

YALE TELEPHONE CO. SUFFERS BIG LOSS IN THURSDAY STORM

The Yale Telephone Company was paralyzed Friday morning following one of the worst ice storms this section has ever suffered. Practically all the rural lines are out of order. City service was not as badly crippled, as a big majority of the residence and business phones were in order. Many broken lines could be notified.

That the lines of the Yale company are exceptionally well built is shown by the fact that several rural lines withstood the storm that loaded the wires with ice until they resembled half inch rope.

The disabled lines are being put in order as rapidly as possible and service will be completely restored in a few days.

All long distance lines are out of order.

The report being circulated about the city that the Yale Woolen Mill will close down soon for an indefinite period, is untrue, according to information received from one who is in an official position to know.

BIG SHOE SALE ON

M. A. Edighoffer, who just recently purchased the interest of his brother Ed, in the Yale Shoe Store, is putting on a sale of his \$15,000 stock of shoes, rubbers, etc. H. W. Rowse, of Chicago, has charge of the sale and when he takes hold of a stock to sell out it means a cut to the very bone at retail or in lots to suit buyers. The sale starts today (Thursday) at 9:00 a. m. and will last for ten days only. In addition Mr. Edighoffer will take up new quarters in Elber & Barth's stand and does not intend to move one pair of shoes but will sell all at the present location. Read his page adv. in this issue.

MUSIC MEMORY CONTEST

The memorable six weeks' contest in music memory has closed. The grand district concert and final writing was held in Port Huron at the Congregational church last week Friday evening.

Contestants from all over the Thumb district were present, several from Yale attending. The interest has been splendid and the results beneficial. We append the list of prize winners as published in The Times-Herald of Monday:

Prize Winning Papers

The authors of the prize-winning papers are as follows:

Class 1, Grades 5 and 6—First prize, No. 43, Leah Drouillard, St. Clair; second prize, No. 30, Grace Coon, Crosswell; third prize, No. 44, Nell Stockey, St. Clair.

Class 2, Grades 7, 8, and 9—First, No. 15, Nellie Walker, Port Huron; second, No. 63, Pauline Neddermeyer, Richmond; third, No. 23, Ethel Oppertshausen, of Richmond.

Class 3, High School—First, No. 9, Irma Burns, Port Huron; second, No. 21, Hazel Brown, of Richmond; third, No. 53, Anna Parker, Algonac.

It is interesting to note that the prize winning papers were in almost every case perfect on points besides which there were a number of other perfect papers, and many others defective only in some minor error, which, in a competitive marking, the judges could not overlook in spite of the excellence of the papers.

CARNIVAL AND BOX SOCIAL

This pleasurable evening was given by the High School students on Wednesday evening of last week in the vacant store formerly occupied by Hutton's hardware and was for the purpose of accumulating a fund for the purchase of athletic equipment.

There was fun galore for everybody, there were booths of various sorts where you could buy things. There was a fish pond and a fortune teller and then came the auctioning off of the lunch boxes provided by the ladies, Fred Smith, our local auctioneer did a very successful job and unearthed about \$60.00 from the pockets of the male portion of the crowd who retaliated by enjoying to the limit the dainty lunches from the well-filled boxes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The annual election of officers occurred at the Presbyterian Sunday School on Sunday, March 26, 1922. The following will serve for the ensuing year.

Superintendent—Charles W. Jacobs.

First Asst.—Donald Sinclair.

Second Asst.—Harriet Felton.

Secretary—Grace Menzies.

Treasurer—Mrs. Frank Andrae.

Organist—Helen Wilson.

Asst. Organist—Harriet Felton.

Superintendent of Primary department—Mrs. Alex. Pollock.

F. C. Kock, a well known undertaker of Marlette, died last week, after an attack of influenza, which developed into sleeping sickness and later into pneumonia. He was fifty years of age.

The State Mennonite Conference was held in Brown City last week. Pastors were given their appointments.

New wall paper line at 50 per cent reduction over 1921 price at Harding & Hallman's.

QUESTION REGARDING DEATH OF EDWARD MULLANEY THURSDAY

Rumor of Suicide Discredited By Action of County Officers Who Hold Woman

The news was circulated in Yale early Thursday morning that Edward Mullaney had committed suicide at the home of W. J. Scott on Kennebec street.

Local authorities investigated and, not being satisfied that it was a conclusive case of suicide, were instructed to await the arrival of county authorities.

Sheriff Maines and Assistant Prosecutor Carrigan arrived here in the afternoon and held an investigation. The facts learned evidently did not satisfy the officials and Mrs. Scott was taken to Port Huron for further questioning.

All communication between our city and Port Huron being severed by Thursday's storm, we are unable to secure any information up to press time.

In an interview with Mr. Carrigan The Expositor learned some facts regarding the circumstances of the case which prove unworthy of publication. Regardless of how death occurred, the conditions connected with it are terrible.

Edward Mullaney was born at Peck, Michigan, Sept. 21, 1895. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mullaney, of Yale, and is survived by his parents, three sisters and five brothers.

For the last ten years the family has resided in Yale and during that time Edward was employed at various places in the city.

He was a veteran of the World War, spending 22 months in the service, ten of which were with the A. E. F. in Russia. He entered the army at Camp Custer.

Funeral arrangements have not been made as yet, owing to the fact that no inquest has been held.

MENNONITE APPOINTMENTS

Brown City, March 25.—The state Mennonite conference which closed here Friday night, made the following appointments.

Presiding elder Port Huron district, B. A. Sherk; presiding elder, Pontiac district, O. B. Snyder.

To pastorate: Brown City, R. W. Herber; Greenwood and Yale, R. M. Dodd; Fremont, M. D. Bechtel; Cass River, F. A. Jones; Port Huron, J. S. Wood; Flint, R. L. Dean; Pontiac, D. Schultz; Beulah, G. D. Clink; Bliss, E. Krack; Bad Axe, A. G. Herman; Elkton, O. P. Eastman; Colfax, J. A. Avery; Kalamazoo, Miss Lenora Annabel; Detroit, Northfield avenue, B. Douglas; Detroit, Dakota avenue, E. F. Gill; Pellston, G. C. Guilliat; Petoskey, R. G. Morgan; Wheatland, H. Hill; Battle Creek, Loretta Shupe.

A CONTRADICTION

To the People of Yale:—I wish to contradict a statement that has been made in regard to the way the city books of the city of Yale have been kept. Work not properly done or filed.

The books of the city have been audited for the year by Mr. Theo. Anderson, Public Accountant, of Port Huron, Mich. In his report, which is on file in the office of the city clerk, he says the present city clerk should be highly commended for exactness and neatness of her work and the manner in which everything is kept up to date and properly filed.

Mrs. George Beadle.

SEVERE SLEET STORM

One of the worst sleet storms ever in this part of the country set in Thursday morning and continued throughout the day. By evening the trees, sidewalks and buildings were covered with ice.

Havoc was raised with telephone and telegraph wires and Friday our city was completely out of conversation with the outside world.

Slippery sidewalks made walking dangerous, and many folks tell of ducking tree branches that are so heavily loaded with ice that they are breaking off.